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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
under 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP § 503, Applicant hereby respectfully requests a withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 21, 2007. The Examiner has held the subject application abandoned for Applicant's alleged failure to timely file a reply to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2007.

Applicant submits that a timely reply was filed and therefore the Notice of Abandonment was improperly issued. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of Applicant's Amendment with a Certificate of Mailing showing that the Amendment was mailed on April 26, 2007, which date is within the three (3) month response period. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of Applicant's self-addressed postcard showing that the Amendment

was received on April 30, 2007, which given April 29, 2007 falls on a Sunday, is also within the three (3) month response period.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this request. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. No. 21-0800.

Date: August 24, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

AMENDMENT

Client ID/Matter No: BLUE.65449

Date Mailed: April 26, 2007

Date Due: April 29, 2007

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Documents enclosed:

1. Amendment in 9 pages; and
2. Acknowledgement postcard.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Mail Room stamp hereon acknowledges receipt of the items indicated above on the date shown.

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